

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE
WEBB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
MEETING OF JANUARY 22, 2001
LAREDO, TEXAS**

Let it be remembered that a regular meeting of the Webb County Commissioners Court was held at 9:00 a.m. at the regular meeting place with the following members present to wit:

Mercurio Martinez, Jr.
Jerry Vasquez
Judith Gutierrez
Felix Velasquez
Miguel Urdiales

County Judge
Commissioner Prct.#1
Commissioner Prct.#2
Commissioner Prct.#3
Commissioner Prct.#4

Thus constituting a quorum, the Commissioners Court proceeded to act upon the agenda as posted in the meeting notice of the 18th of January 2001. Present also were Ms. Selina Reyes, Deputy County Clerk, representing Mr. Henry Flores, Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court, various officers and others interested in the business of the court..

01-01-114

- 1. Call to order – Judge Martinez**
Invocation – Mr. Chuck Owen
Pledge of Allegiance – said by all

01-01-115

- 2. Approval of Minutes –**

Motion to accept the minutes as submitted with the following corrections:

Page 14. 9. – e} Should state that the lease is until November 14, 2001,
not 2002.

Page 17. Correct motion made after Executive Session – Mr. Saldana
should not have been mentioned as an arbitrator. It should state
that the following:

Motion was made to accept the recommendation of the County
Attorney and Mr. Frank Saldana, private counsel for Webb County
to settle with the Golf Course Operator as set out in a proposal
made by Mr. Saldana dated 12-11-00. This is on file with the
Webb County Clerk, and authorizing the release of proposals and
Counter proposals.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Second: Commissioner De La Garza

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

01-01-116

- 3. Communications –**

TNRCC notice of application and preliminary decision for water quality
TPDES Permit renewal for Municipal Wastewater.

City of Laredo EMS/Fire calls to Webb County for the month of
December 2000.

Ms. Cynthia Mares, CAA Director presented the court with “The year in
Review” for her department.

Mr. Hector Farias, VIDA addressed the court regarding concerns at the Casa Blanca Golf Course.

Motion to move up item **01-01-119 6. – d. (4)** :

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez
Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion to allow the use of County personnel and equipment for support for this years WBCA “President of the Republic of the Rio Grande” .

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion to approve up to \$ 8,000.00 financial support for the WBCA “President of the Republic of the Rio Grande”, to allow the County Attorney to research all aspects of using Hotel-Motel funds for this.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 3
Against: 2 } Commissioner Velasquez and Commissioner Urdiales
Abstain: 0

Motion to move up item **01-01-123 10. – i.** :

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Second: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Mr. Javier Guajardo, Jr. and Mr. Manuel Garza representing the Law Offices of Rolando Rios came before the court to make a presentation on the redistricting plans for Webb County residents.
Commissioner Velasquez was appointed to the re-districting committee.

01-01-117

4. Bills, Payroll and Monthly Reports –

Mr. Jorge Flores, Chief Deputy Treasurer presented the Treasurer and Sales Tax reports.

Motion to approve to pay the bills as submitted.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion to approve the reports for Public Defender, Facilities, Water Utilities and Road & Bridge as submitted.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

01-01-118

5. Proclamation/Resolutions –

Motion to accept a Resolution for “Webb County to join the Texas CUC Aggregation Project, Inc.”

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

01-01-119

6. – a.

Motion to approve the following refunds:

International Trucking

Reason: Section 25.25, Corrections of Appraisal Roll

Total Refund: \$ 672.03

Guadalupe Moreno, Jr.

Reason: Section 11.431 Exemption

Total Refund: \$ 500.41

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

6. – b.

Motion to appoint a committee research the status and availability of indigent and pauper plots at the City Cemetery.

The committee will consist of:

Commissioner Gutierrez – chair

Commissioner Vasquez

Moved: Commissioner Urdiales

Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

6. – c.

Motion to authorize the Road & Bridge Department to construct a parking Lot (The parking lot is approximately 12,000 sq. ft) for the Head Start Department at Paseo De Danubio on the east side of the existing facility (Funding available from Head Start Account # 903-4207-8801).

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

6. – d.

Motion to defer this item:

Action to authorize by Order, the Sheriff and Constables of Webb County to appoint reserve deputies and limiting the number, if deemed necessary of reserve deputies which may be appointed.

Moved: Commissioner Urdiales

Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

6. – d.

- 2.** Mr. John Beckelhymer, Elections Administrator presented the court with a presentation on all procedures and logistical support necessary to carry out an election in Webb County.

6. – d.

3. Motion to defer this item:

Action to create a new Deputy Constable position for the Webb County Constable Precinct 2.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

6. – d.

5. Motion to issue a “Certification regarding compliance with plat requirements and the connection of utilities” under Section 232.029 (i), Texas Local Government Code to authorize one (1) residential electrical connection to Tract 3-A, Unit I-A, Rancho Penitas West Subdivision contingent upon the property owner providing evidence to the Planning Department that the platted tract was sold by the subdivision developer prior to July 1, 1995 and the tract has complied with all other applicable rules and regulations required for utility connections. The contingent item must be presented to the Planning Department by the Commissioner Court meeting. If the owner has not presented stated item, this action shall be tabled.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

01-01-120

7. – a.

Motion to approve the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program Grant and budget for Fiscal Year 2001 (January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2001) in the amount of \$ 207,099 and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents (The Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program assists Low-income persons with the Energy Crisis Component, Heating/Cooling Component, Heating/Cooling Component, Case Management Component, Co-payment Component and Elderly Assistance Component- CAA has already received \$ 186,352 which is 90% of the allotment for Fy 2001).

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Second: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

7. – b.

Motion to fill Slot # 1115, Rural Transportation Director, at an annual salary of \$ 36,000.00 effective January 22, 2001.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

7. – c.

Motion to accept grant award from Emergency Food Shelter (EFSP) in the amount of \$ 5,478 for emergency food and rent assistance (Grant application in the amount of \$ 11,478 was submitted by CAA on December 8, 2000. This is a competitive application process as CAA competes with other local service providers for grant funds – No match only in-kind contributions).

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

7. – d.

Motion to ratify appointments to Community Action Agency Advisory Board Category “A” as follows:

Commissioner Gutierrez – (is waiting for a call back, will advise Ms. Mares by
end of the day)

Judge Martinez – Mr. Blas Martinez, Jr.

Commissioner Velasquez – Mr. Fidel Flores

Commissioner Vasquez – Mr. Gilberto Cerda

Moved: Commissioner Urdiales

Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

01-01-121

8. – a. & b.

Motion to defer these items:

Action to approve the Blue Cross-Blue Shield Administrative Services Agreement for Webb County’s Health Insurance Program for Fiscal Year 2000-2001, authority for County Judge to execute documents and;

Action to approve the Blue Cross – Blue Shield Stop Loss Contract for Webb County’s Health Insurance Program for Fiscal Year 2000-2001. Authority for County Judge to execute documents.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

01-01-122

9. – a.

Motion to award the following bid:

Bid # 200-64 – 200-69 “Renovation of houses in Mirando City, Oilton,
and Bruni, Texas – HUD Colonia Initiative

to Lopez Construction, 1411 Johnson Dr.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

9. – b.

Motion to replace one (1) horse drawn vehicle in the amount of \$ 4,500
for a savings of \$ 2,000 from Borntrager;s Combination Shop.

Moved: Commissioner Urdiales

Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

9. – c.

Motion to engage Pro-Tec Fire Protection, Inc., to install fire sprinklers system at
the Webb County Sheriff Administration building (Norwest Bldg.) total cost
not to exceed \$ 11,600.00

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

01-01-123

10. – a.

Motion to accept the recommendation of the Risk manager for this year, and contract worth TriCor Management Group, Inc., to prepare two request for proposals (one proposal for property and casualty insurance which include automobile liability, general liability, public officials and law enforcement liability, employee benefits liability. Property, inland marine, boiler and machinery, crime pollution and excess worker's compensation and the second RFP for claims administration services for worker's compensation, automobile liability and general liability) for use by the county as well as meetings with the Insurance Committee, Proposer interview and Commissioners Court meeting proposal and analysis and recommendation and bid award by July 30, 2001 at a cost of \$ 9,200 (\$6,000 for property/casualty and \$ 3,200 for Third Party Claims Administration) payable 50% upon award of bids and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

**** Eliminate 50% travel fee and include County Attorney in all matters regarding this bid.**

Moved: Commissioner Urdiales

Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

10. – b.

Motion to enter into an amended extended Software and Hardware Maintenance Agreement with Megatronics International Corporation, for the fuel management System installed at the Webb County Road & Bridge facility to be effective January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001 in the amount of \$ 4,225.00 and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

10. – c.

Motion to enter into an Interlocal Government Agreement with the City of Laredo for the formation of a Mutual Aid Law Enforcement Task Force to mutually assist in the areas of traffic control, crowd control and general law enforcement both within and beyond the corporate limits of Laredo during the 2001 Crime Stoppers Menudo Bowl scheduled for January 27, 2001 and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

10. – d.

Motion to enter into an Interlocal Government Agreement with the City of Laredo for the formation of a Mutual Aid Law Enforcement Task Force to mutually assist in the areas of traffic control and general law enforcement both within and beyond the corporate limits of the City of Laredo during the Washington's Birthday Celebration festivities scheduled for February 3, 2001 through February 18, 2001 and authorize the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

10. – e.

Motion to designate the composition of the Salary Grievance Committee Committee to be nine (9) public members (residents of Webb County).

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

10. – f.

Motion to select at random nine (9) members from the 2000 Grand Juries, they were as follows:

1. Mr. Juan Flores 425 Mulberry
2. Mr. Juan Jose Lara 1706 Santa Maria
3. Juan Jose Alvarado 912 Orcharid Court
4. Mr. Ricardo D. Cortez 213 Illinois
5. Ms. Raquel Sanchez 2720 Santa Barbara
6. Mr. Florentino Hernandez 2102 Davis
7. Ms. Patricia Medina 316 E. Olive
8. Mr. or Ms. Mercedes Santos 1602 Juarez
9. Mr. Roman Lopez 413 E. Travis

**** If they accept.**

Judge Martinez and the court selected the names from slips of paper that Ms. Selina G. Reyes, Deputy County Clerk provided to the court in a container.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

10. – g.

Motion to accept to settle the claim of Southwestern bell Co. against Webb County for damaged telephone lines.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

10. – h.

Information provided by Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney,
no action needed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Second: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0